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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of: Toshimitsu KUMAGA et al.

Serial Number: 09/227,529

Group Art Unit: 2876

Filed: January 8, 1999

Examiner: L. TAYLOR

For: A STAND FOR PIVOTABLY MOUNTING AN OPTICAL READING DEVICE (As Amended)

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.111

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

May 11, 2001

#10/02
Amend
J. McNeill
5/15/01

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 15, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend claims 45 and 50 as follows:

45. (Amended) A stand on which an optical reader, which has a read window through which scanning light is emitted and a grip enabling a user to grasp said optical reader, and which scans a mark borne by an article using scanning light emitted through said read window, detects light reflected from said mark, and thus reads information, is mounted, comprising:

a holder section in which only one end of said grip is insertably mounted so that said grip can be dismounted freely; and

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